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SUBJECT: MAPUTO CONFERENCE - STATEMENT OF THE FIVE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AGREED STATEMENT DELIVERED BY ASST. SEC.

MAYNES ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE AT THE CLOSING PLENARY OF THE

MAPUTO CONFERENCE:

QUOTE

THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL -- CANADA, THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM
AND THE UNITED STATES -- CAME TO THIS CONFERENCE FOR THREE
REASONS:

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(A) WE WANTED TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICAN STATES ON
THESE TWO KEY ISSUES OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

(B) WE WANTED TO SEIZE THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EX-
PLAIN OUR AFRICAN POLICIES. SINCE ANY AFRICAN POLICY MUST
BEGIN WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA, WE WANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EX-

PLAIN TO THE COUNTRIES AND MOVEMENTS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED
THE INITIATIVES WE HAVE TAKEN AND THE STRATEGY WE HAVE FOLLOWED.

(C) FINALLY, WE WANTED TO LISTEN TO AND UNDERSTAND AFRICAN
VIEWS ON THESE CRITICAL SUBJECTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR ASSIS-
TANCE WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS THE PARTIES MOST DIRECTLY
INVOLVED UNDERSTAND OUR PURPOSE AND FEEL FREE TO CONVEY THEIR
REACTIONS.

FROM ALL THREE POINTS OF VIEW WE ASSESS THE CONFERENCE AS
REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL. THE CONFERENCE MARKS A NEW STAGE IN THE
LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE. MORE THAN 90 COUNTRIES
CAME TO DECLARE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE
AND NAMIBIA. THIS COLLECTIVE EXPRESSION OF INTERANTIONAL DE-
TERMINATION IS A SIGN THAT THE PROCESS OF LIBERATION IS MOVING
TO A NEW AND CULMINATING PHASE. WE HAVE FOUND OTHERS WILLING
TO LISTEN TO OUR POINT OF VIEW AND WE HAVE BENEFITED FROM
THEIRS. WE SEE OURSELVES WORKING FOR THE SAME GOALS, EVEN
WHEN WE CHOOSE DIFFERENT MEANS FROM THOSE PREFERRED BY OTHERS.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS THE FIVE
WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE TOGETHER ADVANCED
AN INITIATIVE TO RESOLVE THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. WESTERN MEMBERS
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
THAT ANY SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH UN SE-
CURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. WE LEFT NO DOUBT THAT AN AB-
SENCE OF PROGRESS TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE
SOLUTION WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

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IN THE CASE OF THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT CARTER RECENTLY
CONFIRMED U.S. POLICY IN MORE DETAIL. IN A STATEMENT MADE IN LOS
ANGELES ON MAY 18, 1977, HE STATED THAT UNLESS THERE WAS PROGRESS
ON NAMIBIA, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE COMPELLED TO TAKE STRONG
ACTION IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE POSITION OF THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
IS CLEAR. IN THE LIGHT OF THE INITIATIVES WE HAVE TAKEN, WE FIND
OURSELVES UNABLE TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH A NUMBER OF THE
PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. TO
ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WOULD PREJUDICE THE RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS
WHICH HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT THE MOST PROMISING START TO RESOLVE THE
NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. WE TAKE A SIMILAR POSITION REGARDING THE NE-
GITIATION EFFORT OF THE BRITISH IN ZIMBABWE. THE BULK OF THE
DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, REPRESENTS OUR VIEWS. THEY ALSO REPRESENT A
REMARKABLE EFFORT TO CONVEY TO THOSE WHO HAVE BLOCKED PROGRESS
IN THE PAST THAT THERE IS A DEGREE OF COMMITMENT AND A DEPTH
OF SOLIDARITY ON THESE ISSUES WHICH ARE UNPRECEDENTED.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT PROGRESS MUST BE MADE URGENTLY ON THESE PROBLEMS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ISSUES OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE ARE ENTERING A NEW AND FINAL STAGE WHERE ONE PATH LEADS TO INCREASED VIOLENCE AND THE OTHER TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

SO WHILE WE CANNOT ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH A NUMBER OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION, WE REGARD IT AS AN IMPORTANT MARK IN HISTORY, ONE WHICH HELPS US UNDERSTAND OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND NATIONS INTERESTED IN PEACEFUL CHANGE AND RACIAL PROGRESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE COMMEND THE AUTHORS, AND WE PRAISE THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS CONFERENCE. BOTH HAVE HELPED BRING THE DAY OF FREEDOM CLOSER THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN. DE PREE

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